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LETTER

Sent from the LORD

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To the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City
of London, and what was agreed upon, at the
receipt thereof.

ALSO

Rochester surrendred to the Lord *Fairfax*, and his further pro-
ceedings in Kent, and Lieutenant Generall *Crom-*
wells comming up with his Forces.

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To the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City
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To the Honourable William Lenthall Esquire, Speaker of the
House of Commons.

The particulars are too many to be related in this time concerning this last night's Engagement with the Enemy at *Maidstone*, which in brief was such as never was since there was began this Army's Regal work. much difficulty, & overcome a stubborn and resolute Enemy: The fight begun about 7 of the clock at night, about a mile from *Maidstone*, and before we could beat them from hedge to hedge, and get in at the *Barracado's*, it was past nine, after we had entered the town, we disputed every street and turning; they having 8 pieces of Canon, which they discharged above 20 times upon our men in the streets, & by Gods mighty help and assistance, we overcame them between 12. and one of the clock at night, being every minute in all that time firing upon their horse and foot, and they upon us, we took about 400. prisoners, and near as many Horse, our forlorn hope of horse gave the red Standard of horse as gallant a charge as ever was seen, which is said to be Gen. *Hales* his Troop: The reason why the Engagement began so soon, the Train and Rear of the Army being three miles off (and not come up) was, that the Forlorn of horse and Foot being engaged in viewing the town before it was dark, came off late, The Enemy being with their whole body of horse and foot with

within two miles on the top of the Hill towards Rochester
 11 English in the last Army, about 80 or 100 men who, as
 they were, they were not dispute the hill of Maidford,
 which was very difficult for us to have done. They sent in a
 supply of recruits, and sent to the Baron of the town
 of Maidford, who came to us, and we had got many Sea-
 men, Apprentices, and most part Commanders and Cavaliers,
 There were in all, as Welgates, 100. their slain was about
 the town, and Capt. Price a very honest and stout Gentleman
 Col. Hewsons Captain Lieutenant, was also slain, and about
 30 more of our men, most falling at the mouth of the Ca-
 non with ease shot; we took 8 pieces, six Iron and two Brass
 abundance of arms, having been up all night, and want of
 time cannot send more particulars at present. Only I desire
 God to let you see, how the old quarrell is revived by the
 same party, with greater violence then at first. You will
 shortly underst and what Earls, Lords, and other persons of
 quality appeared in this business. His Excellency from the
 first minute of Engagement to the last, could not be drawne
 off from a personal and hazardous attendance on the sets
 vice, and is much impaired in his health.

Maidford, June 2. 1648.

6 in the morning.

John Rushworth

Another

Agonies had yett more gain'd, yett as in the old story
was told, of the old man, who was the first of the

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were chosen out as the only fighting men they had amongst them; of these we took about 1400 prisoners, horse and foot, of which you will have a List by the next; they are for the present put into Maidstone Church: our horse are gone forth in parties towards Rochester, to discover the Enemies main body; we hear that all is quiet about Dover, and in the wild of Kent, and I pray God that all other Towns and places may avoid the bringing of that ruine upon themselves, as is befallen upon this Town, we are very weary with travel and much watching, therefore I take my leave and rest.

Your assured friend,

I. T.

Die Sabbathi 3 Junij 1648.

On Saturday the 3 of this instant June news was brought to the City of London that the Essex men had gotten into a body and placed two Drakes on Bow bridge, three or four miles from London and stood there in a posture but interrupted none that passed that way, it was said they intended not to march out of their county.

At the same time it was also certified that the Lord General was in Greenwich Park with diverse Collours of horse and foot and about noon he sent a message to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen and commonalty of the City of London, and there being at the same time sitting a Court of Common.

Common counsell some debate was concerning the superscription of this letter, and it appeareth that it was not directed in the usuall proper stile for that Court, it was conceived, that there was a consideration betwixt him and those which were so desirous of a Common Hall which they thought to have gotten this day, and by this letter to breed division and distraction it was therefore agreed by the said Common counsell that the said letter and the messenger that brought it, should be sent up to the Parliament which was done accordingly and the Militia took great pains to set the City in good and ready posture.

Out of Kent it was certified that this party which were with the Lord Goring came from Rochester for his Excellency the Lord Falkland being passed on the other side of the water at Maidstone bridge the Kentish forces fearing that they should be forced to fight or be all pend up suddenly in a corner of their County these came away on this side the river againe intending thereby to get some more to them from London or to draw the Army back again before the other part of the County be quite seized or to intercept what should go to his Excellency, but he may bee prevented in this for letters came this day that Lieutenant Generall Cromwell with a gallant party of horse is returned out of Wales,

Wales and it was thought that this night his quarters
would be about Maiden-head which is but 22 miles
London.

Die Solis 4 Junij 1648

This morning we understand that the L. Goring with
about two or 3000 men fearing the pursuit of the L. C. for-
ces, ferried over the river of Thames near Greenwich into
Essex.

On Sunday the 4 of June 2 Drakes were brought up to
Asgate, and there planted.

This day about 12 of the clock Letters out of Kent, certi-
fying that the Kentish men except such as came away with
L. Goring, which were about Rochester side are dispersed,
and gone to their homes having layd down their Arms, and
and the City of Rochester is in the possession of the Lord
Generall.

About this time Col. Whaley with a good party of his Ex-
cellencies horse came back out of Kent over one the Essex
side of the river Thames and had his rendezvous on miling-
green which is between Bow and London he sent many pri-
soners which they had taken to Guild-hall and the Lord Gen-
is expected to return suddenly.

Imprimatur Githers Mabbott.

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